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APPLICANTS: BERND MICHAELIS ET AL.

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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DEFINING AND CORRECTING IMAGE DATA

DECLARATION OF STEFAN SCHÜNEMANN IN SUPPORT OF PETITION FOR REVIVAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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I, Stefan Schünemann, hereby declare:

1. I am the CEO of the assignee of the above-identified application, which is INB Vision AG, and am familiar with the prosecution of the above-identified application.
2. This application, among others of our company, was originally filed and handled by the Law Office of Karl Hormann, at 86 Sparks Street, Cambridge, MA, 02138-2216, in cooperation with our German Patent Attorney, PA Leinung.
3. Over the past several years, we had been writing to Mr. Hormann through our German Patent Attorney, PA Leinung, providing him with instructions and payments for proceeding with the prosecution of our patent applications. Over years this process worked well. As patent work was successfully completed to my satisfaction.
4. However in fall of 2005 I requested an update on pending activities and received no response. After not receiving any response to our repeated inquiries for some time, we had our German Patent Attorney, PA Leinung, contact Collard & Roe, P.C. in January 2006, to try to ascertain the status of our cases.

5. PA Leinung informed me that Collard & Roe, P.C. contacted Mr. Hormann, who explained that he had been ill and unable to prosecute the applications.
6. We immediately authorized Collard & Roe to assume responsibility for the applications, and Collard & Roe obtained file histories of all of our applications. As soon as we realized that our applications had become abandoned, we instructed Collard & Roe to prepare a response to the outstanding office actions and to file a Petition to Revive each of the abandoned applications.
7. I hereby state that the entire delay in filing the response to the office action in this application, from the due dates of the required replies until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b), was unintentional.
8. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereto.

Date: 2006/02/15

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